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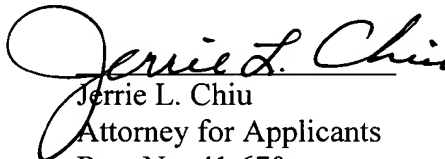
claims 1-3, 6 and 10-16, where  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are hydrogen,  $R^4$  is  $-\text{COOR}^{4''}$ ,  $R^{4''}$  is unsubstituted alkyl residue,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are hydrogen,  $R^7$  is absent,  $R^8$  is hydrogen,  $R^9$  is unsubstituted alkyl,  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  are hydrogen, L is  $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{NHSO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ , and m and n are 0. Claims 4, 5 and 7-9 are therefore canceled as being drawn to unelected subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the unelected subject matter in a continuing application.

Applicants believe that the subject matter of the pending claims, as amended, is patentable and that the instant application should accordingly be allowed. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (203) 812-3964.

Respectfully submitted,

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